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TO : ADDA(S)

DATE: 1 July 1952

FROM : Special Contracting Officer

SUBJECT: Statistical Report of Individuals Under Covert Contract as of 30 June 1952.

1. Attached hereto is the statistical report of individuals under covert contract as of 30 June 1952.

2. It will be noted that there are substantial increases in the field agent count for several divisions, primarily SE [REDACTED] and EE [REDACTED]. The increase in the reported strength for these areas is a result of gaining rudimentary statistical control during the last month over but a single branch in each of the divisions. Statistical control of field agents and of the commitments made to this category of personnel is extremely difficult to obtain. No one place in the Agency has at present a record of the numbers of, or commitments made to, field agents. Indeed, the branch itself has little if any correlated information regarding its field agents.

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3. FE [REDACTED] for example, feels that it has in the neighborhood of [REDACTED] field agents (which are not included in this statistical report) but only one contract or memorandum in lieu of contract has come through this office for review in accordance with the regulations and for recording. Several [REDACTED] branches have compiled at our request a listing of basic information containing only the cryptonym and the monthly compensation of the field agents under their jurisdiction. Before this time, not even the branch had this information compiled. They have now indicated that they believe the information will be of operational value to them.

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4. A review of some of the written agreements with field agents indicates that very little attention is being given to the provisions of the [REDACTED] which requires approval by appropriate Assistant Directors before granting certain benefits such as compensation for illness, injury and death benefits and the establishment of escrow accounts in the United States, apparently has been almost completely disregarded. This is a result primarily of unfamiliarity with the requirements established in the [REDACTED]. A wider distribution of these regulations to the individuals dealing with agents should produce compliance therewith.

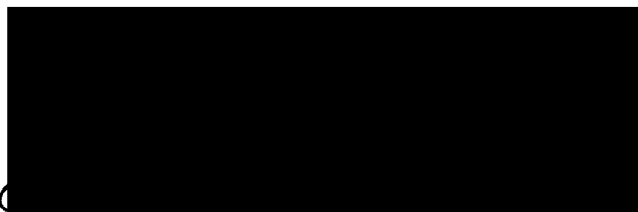
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5. It appears basic to myself and other members of my Unit that centralized information regarding this category of personnel is most desirable for operational as well as administrative objectives. We estimate that to record the number of agents and commitments made to them will require considerable time and effort in order to produce the desired records. We shall continue our present efforts to bring this situation under appropriate control.



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